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(54) Method and apparatus for updating parameter data.

(57) In a microprocessor based mailing system, postal rate charts (Figure 2A) are provided on portable media such as floppy disks, having the capability to update such postal rate charts. The mailing system includes a microcomputer system made up of microprocessor 22, a CRT display 30, a keyboard 40, a dual disk drive 24 and a printer 26. The mailing system also has a scale for determining the weight of items to be mailed, and an optional postal meter. The microprocessor determines the appropriate postage for items to be mailed in accordance with (a) the item's weight, (b) postal information input by an operator and (c) postal rate charts stored on a first disk in one of the disk drives. To update the postal rate charts a second disk may be substituted for the first while the first disk is shifted to the other drive. The second disk contains updating information and an updating program to update the rate charts. Upon initialization of the system the updating program is loaded and executed. After updating the first disk the information on the second disk is destroyed, preferably by copying the updated first disk onto it.

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